

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION
Under 35 USC 111(a) and Rule 53(b)

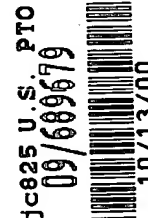
PATENT APPLICATION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

WITH SIGNED DECLARATION



NONPROVISIONAL
NON REISSUE
NON PCT NAT PHASE



Sir:

Herewith is the PATENT APPLICATION of
Inventor(s): ARISAKA

Title SHUTTER FOR DIGITAL STILL CAMERAS

Atty. Dkt.: PM 274432 | SPO-2430
M# | Client Ref

including:

Date: October 13, 2000

1. Specification: 34 pages (only spec. and claims) 2. ☐ Specification in non-English language
3. Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Facsimile/Copy ☒ Abstract 1 page(s); 8 numbered claims
4. ☒ Drawings: 5 sheet(s) ☐ informal; ☒ formal of size: ☒ A4 ☐ 11"
5. ☐ See top first page re prior Provisional, National or International application(s). ("X" box only if info is there and do not complete corresponding item 5 or 6). (Prior M# _____ SN _____)
6. AMEND the specification please by inserting before the first line: -- This is a ☐ Continuation-in-Part
☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation ☐ Substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of:
6(a) ☐ National Appln. No. _____ / _____ filed _____ (M# _____)
6(b) ☐ International Appln. No. _____ filed _____
7. ☐ AMEND the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S.
Provisional Application No. 60/ _____, filed _____
8. ☒ Attached is an assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.
9. ☐ Prior application is assigned to _____

by Assignment recorded _____ Reel _____ Frame _____

10. FOREIGN priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in Japan
11. _____ (country)

| Application No. | Filing Date | Application No. | Filing Date |
|-----------------|------------------|---|-------------|
| (1) 11-292849 | October 14, 1999 | (2) | |
| (3) | | (4) | |
| (5) | | (6) | |
| (7) | | (8) | |
| (9) | | <input type="checkbox"/> See 3 rd page for additional priorities | |

12. _____ (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☐ attached; ☐ previously filed (date) _____
in U.S. Application No. _____ / _____ filed on _____
13. Small entity status ☐ ☒ is not claimed; ☐ is claimed (Pre-filing confirmation required)
13(a). ☐ Attached: _____ (No.) Small Entity Statement(s) (since 9/8/00 small entity statement(s) not essential to make claim)

14. **DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

| Application No. | Filing Date | Application No. | Filing Date |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| (1) | | (4) | |
| (2) | | (5) | |
| (3) | | (6) | |

15. ☐ This application is being filed under Rule 53(b)(2) since an inventor is named in the enclosed Declaration who was not named in the prior application.

16. ☐ Attached:

17. ☐ Preliminary Amendment:

THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY ABOVE CANCELLED

| | | | | Large/Small Entity | | Fee Code |
|---|---|------------|----|--------------------|-------|----------|
| 18. Basic Filing Fee | | | | \$710/\$355 | \$710 | 101/201 |
| 19. Total Effective Claims | 8 | minus 20 = | *0 | x \$18/\$9 = | + 0 | 103/203 |
| 20. Independent Claims | 1 | minus 3 = | *0 | x \$80/\$40 = | + 0 | 102/202 |
| *If answer is zero or less, enter "0" | | | | | | |
| 21. If any proper multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present, add (Leave this line blank if this is a reissue application) | | | | + \$270/\$135 | + 0 | 104/204 |
| 22. TOTAL FILING FEE ENCLOSED = | | | | | \$710 | |
| 23. If "non-English" box 2 is X'd, add Rule 17(k) processing fee | | | | + \$130 | + 0 | 139 |
| 24. If "assignment" box 8 is X'd, add recording fee | | | | + \$40 | + 40 | 581 |
| 25. <input type="checkbox"/> Attached is a Petition/Fee under Rule No. | | | | + \$130 | + 0 | 122 |
| 26. TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED = | | | | | \$750 | |

Our Deposit Account No. 03-3975

Our Order No. 61069 C# 274432 M#

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APPLICATION UNDER UNITED STATES PATENT LAWS

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This is a:

- ☐ Provisional Application
- ☒ Regular Utility Application
- ☐ Continuing Application
 - ☒ The contents of the parent are incorporated by reference
- ☐ PCT National Phase Application
- ☐ Design Application
- ☐ Reissue Application
- ☐ Plant Application
- ☐ Substitute Specification
 - Sub. Spec. Filed _____
 - in App. No. _____ / _____
- ☐ Marked up Specification re
 - Sub. Spec. filed _____
 - In App. No. _____ / _____

SPECIFICATION